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TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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SILK INDUSTRIES IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released Grants for the development of Silk Industry in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has selected some centres for raising their standards at par with international silk industries markets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b): The details of funds released to state Government of Karnataka under centrally sponsored Catalytic Development Programme by the Central Silk Board during the last three years is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Amount	1506.05	714.24	825.38

(c) & (d): Under the market initiatives Central Silk Board has introduced futures trading in cocoon and raw silk on the platform of National Commodity Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX), Mumbai, a national level Multi Commodity Exchange. This alternate system of trading would help the industry through better price discovery . Bangalore has been identified as delivery centre for raw silk and Ramanagaram and Siddlaghatta for cocoons.

The Central Silk Board in collaboration with the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) is implementing a Project for Strengthening the Extension System for Popularizing Bivoltine Sericulture in three southern states viz Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu. Under this project, 8 Technical Service Centres, 4 Basic Seed Farms and 5 Grainages have been upgraded in Karnataka to produce quality bivoltine silkworm seed.

The CSB has established Textile Testing Laboratory & Silk Conditioning and Testing House at Bangalore, Raw Silk Testing Centres at Kollegal & Siddlaghatta, Cocoon Testing Centre at Ramanagaram, Demonstration Cum Technical Service Centre at Dharwad to provide required technical support to the stake holders of the industry to produce quality silk of international standard.